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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-captioned patent application, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-15 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

16. (New) A method of treating a patient comprising venous placement of a flow control device which has a resilient seal secured to a valve body.

17. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein the flow control device further comprises a frame secured thereto and the flow control device is placed venously with the frame in an insertion state and thereafter the frame is expanded within a vein to an expanded state.

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